

REMARKS

Claims 19-20, 22 and 24-26 were withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected species, and the Applicants have cancelled those claims, accordingly.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because of the presence of "Fig. 1" as a separate second paragraph, and the Examiner will please find enclosed an amended abstract in which that figure reference has been removed.

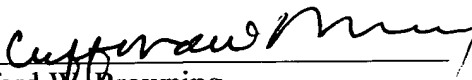
The disclosure was objected to because of the informalities noted in paragraph 5 of the Office Action mailed April 26, 2004, and the Examiner will please find enclosed a substitute specification in which only the informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected, and consequently no new matter has been added thereto.

Claim 21 was objected to because of the informality noted in paragraph 6 of the Office Action mailed April 26, 2004, and the Examiner will please note that the proposed amendment to claim 21 corrects the informality so noted.

Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected over prior art of record, and the Examiner will please note that Applicants have cancelled claims 17 and 18. The Examiner stated that claims 21, 23 and 27-33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and the Applicants have amended these claims appropriately to follow the Examiner's instructions for placing them in condition for allowance.

For these foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration of the present application in light thereof, and then allowance of claims 21, 23 and 27-33, as amended, over all the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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